

REMARKS

With the foregoing amendment claims 1-9, 11-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are independent. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Objection to the Specification

The objection to the Specification is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 10.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-6 are allowable.

Rejection of claim 7

Claim 7 stands rejected as being anticipated by Torikai (US 6,822,683). Applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 7 has been amended herein to place the claim in condition for allowance. More specifically, claim 7 is amended to require the following feature: “a touch-sensitive shutter button, wherein merely touching the shutter button without pressing the shutter button down is sufficient to cause the shutter button to produce a signal that causes said display to receive image data from said image sensor and display images corresponding thereto.” This feature is not disclosed in Torikai.

Torikai discloses a touch-sensitive shutter button, wherein merely touching the shutter button without pressing the shutter button down is sufficient to cause the shutter button to produce a signal. However, Torikai discloses that the signal that is produced by merely touching the shutter button causes only the backlighting device to turn on (see col. 1, ll. 52-57). In other words, said signal disclosed in Torikai does not “cause said display to receive image data from said image sensor and display images corresponding thereto,” as is required by claim 7. Thus, Torikai does not disclose all of the features of claim 7. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 7 be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 8-12

Claim 8 stands rejected as being obvious over Torikai in view of Anderson (US 6,122,003). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 8 has been amended herein to place the claim in condition for allowance. More specifically, claim 8 is amended to require the following feature: "providing a touch-sensitive shutter button, wherein merely touching the shutter button without pressing down the shutter button is sufficient to cause said display to display an instantaneous image from an image sensor." This feature is not taught or suggested in either Torikai or Anderson, considered alone or in combination.

As discussed above with respect to claim 7, Torikai discloses providing a touch-sensitive shutter button, wherein merely touching the shutter button without pressing down the shutter button is sufficient to cause the backlighting device to turn on. However, Torikai does not teach or suggest that merely touching the shutter button without pressing down the shutter button is sufficient to "cause said display to display an instantaneous image from an image sensor," as is required by claim 8. Thus, Torikai does not disclose all of the features of claim 8. Anderson does not make up for the deficient teachings of Torikai, because Anderson does not provide a touch sensitive shutter button. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 8 be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 9, 11 and 12, these claims depend from claim 8 and are patentable for at least the reasons give above.

New Claims


New claims 13-15 are added. With respect to claims 13-15, these claims depend from claim 7 and are patentable for at least the reasons give above.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be

withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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